

Clarke County

PLANNING COMMISSION BRIEFING MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2015



A briefing meeting of the Planning Commission of Clarke County, Virginia, was held at the Berryville/Clarke County Government Center, Berryville, Virginia, on Tuesday, February 3, 2015.

ATTENDANCE

George L. Ohrstrom, II, Chair; Anne Caldwell, Vice-Chair; Robina Bouffault; Randy Buckley; Scott Kreider; Doug Kruhm; Frank Lee; Cliff Nelson; Gwendolyn Malone; and Jon Turkel

Absent: John Staelin

Staff Present: Brandon Stidham, Planning Director; Jesse Russell, Zoning Administrator; and Ryan Fincham, Senior Planner/Zoning Administrator

Others Present: Robert Mitchell, County Attorney; Val VanMeter, Winchester Star

CALLED TO ORDER

Chair Ohrstrom called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Mr. Stidham noted that the meeting packet included two items of note – a revised 2015 Committee Appointments list containing the special subcommittees as requested at the January meeting, and a copy of the new Filing Deadlines handout for the public that Staff recently compiled. Regarding the handout, Mr. Stidham noted that hard copies would be made available in the Planning Department and that an electronic version has been posted to the County website.

Mr. Stidham informed the members that there are no public hearing items scheduled for the regular monthly meeting on Friday, February 6 and that Staff recommended cancelling the meeting unless members had items to address. Hearing no members with concerns, the Commission agreed by consensus to cancel the February 6 meeting. Mr. Stidham noted that the Brewery Regulations Subcommittee meeting would still be held on Friday at 9:00AM.

Vice-Chair Caldwell then moved to convene a Closed Session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)7 for consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters regarding a proposed text amendment to the monopoly regulations in the Zoning Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bouffault and passed unanimously.

Yes: Ohrstrom, Caldwell (moved), Bouffault (seconded), Buckley, Turkel, Kreider, Kruhm, Lee, Malone, Nelson

No: None

Absent: Staelin

The Commission entered closed session at 3:08 p.m and returned from closed session at 3:34 p.m.

Mr. Turkel moved to reconvene in open session and to certify that to the best of their knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under §2.2-3711(A)7 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nelson and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Yes: Ohrstrom, Caldwell (moved), Bouffault (seconded), Buckley, Turkel, Kreider, Kruhm, Lee, Malone, Nelson

No: None

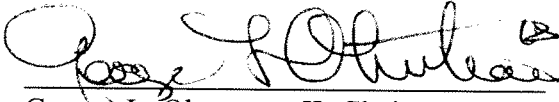
Absent: Staelin

Mr. Stidham noted that he would assemble a revised version of the monopole text amendment and provide it for the Commission to consider at the March briefing meeting and potentially set public hearing for at the March regular meeting.

Other Business

Mr. Stidham provided an update on the progress of the Brewery Regulations Subcommittee and the Recreation Plan Subcommittee along with a progress report on the Berryville Area Development Authority's work to update the Berryville Area Plan.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.


George L. Ohrstrom, II, Chair
Brandon Stidham, Planning Director